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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MOSLEY ET AL.

Examiner

Amanda H Merlino

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 October 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-62 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 11-17, 28-42 and 51-60 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 18-27, 43-50, 61 and 62 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 0926.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

Election/Restrictions

Newly amended claims 11-17, 28-42, and 51-60 directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Claims 11-17, 28-42, and 51-60 are directed to the sample chamber having at least one optically refractive wall to focus the light unto the detector and claims 51-60 directed to a sample chamber having at least one memory. The originally presented invention is directed to the use of multiple light sources.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 11-17, 28-42 and 51-60 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3, 6-7, 9-10, 18-27, 43-44, 46-50 and 61-62 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Hertel et al (6118531).

Hertel et al teach of an apparatus and method for measuring qualities of a substance comprising a sample chamber (1, 2, 3) with a translucent wall for receiving the substance to be measured, at least three radiation sources (4) mounted adjacent to

the sample chamber wherein the first radiation source emits a first modulated beam of light at a first frequency, a second radiation source emits a second modulated beam of light at a second frequency, third radiation source emits a third modulated beam of light at a third frequency unto at least three detectors (5), a processor (6) for evaluating the signals from the detectors and a computer for display purposes. Hertel et al further teaches of modulating the input signals from the radiation sources to reduce the effects of ambient light, which is well known in the art of optical measuring and testing.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4, 5 and 45 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hertel et al (6,118,531).

Hertel et al teach of an apparatus and method for measuring qualities of a substance comprising a sample chamber (1, 2, 3) with a translucent wall for receiving the substance to be measured, at least three radiation sources (4) mounted adjacent to the sample chamber wherein the first radiation source emits a first modulated beam of light at a first frequency, a second radiation source emits a second modulated beam of light at a second frequency, third radiation source emits a third modulated beam of light at a third frequency unto at least three detector (5), a processor (6)for evaluating the signals from the detectors and a computer for display purposes. Hertel et al further

teaches of modulating the input signals from the radiation sources to reduce the effects of ambient light, which is well known in the art of optical measuring and testing.

Hertel et al lacks the teaching of an oscillator to modulate the radiation source nor an amplifier to boost the output signal.

Official Notice is taken the use of oscillators for modulation of signals and amplifiers to strengthen output signals are old and well known in the art. See In Re Malcolm 1942C.D.589:543 O.G.440.

Claims 8 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hertel et al (6,118,531) in view of Winslow et al (5,489,977).

Hertel et al teach of an apparatus and method for measuring qualities of a substance comprising a sample chamber (1, 2, 3) with a translucent wall for receiving the substance to be measured, three radiation sources (4) mounted adjacent to the sample chamber wherein the first radiation source emits a first modulated beam of light at a first frequency, a second radiation source emits a second modulated beam of light at a second frequency, third radiation source emits a third modulated beam of light at a third frequency unto three detector (5), a processor (6)for evaluating the signals from the detectors and a computer for display purposes. Hertel et al further teaches of modulating the input signals from the radiation sources to reduce the effects of ambient light, which is well known in the art of optical measuring and testing.

Hertel et al lacks the teaching of filter positioned in front of the second detector for separating fluorescence emission intensity from scattered intensities.

Winslow et al teaches of filtering a signal to separate fluorescence emission intensity from scattered intensities.

At the time of the invention, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to implement the teachings of Winslow et al by placing a filter in front of the second detector of Hertel et al's measuring apparatus to separate a fluorescence emission intensity from scattered intensity in order to detect a plurality of qualities of the substance simultaneously which would provide a more versatile and time saving apparatus.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10, 18-27, 43-50 and 61-62 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Papers related to the application may be submitted to Group 2800 by Fax transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 2800 via the PTO Fax Machine located in Crystal Plaza 4. The form of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CP4 Fax Machine number is:

703-872-9306

If the applicant wishes to send a Fax dealing with a Proposed Amendment for discussion for a phone interview then the fax should:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to *Examiner Amanda H. Merlino* whose telephone number is (571)272-2421. The examiner can be reached on Mondays and Thursdays only.

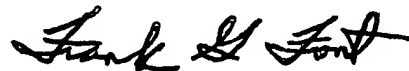
Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-0956.

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